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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 2008

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SUBJECT: CHADIAN STRIFE ENTERS PROPAGANDA ARENA

SUMMARY: IN TWO ALMOST SIMULTANEOUS ACTIONS, CHADIAN
PRESS HAS ATTACKED LIBYA AND USSR WHILE FROLINAT SYMPATHIZERS
HAVE PUBLISHED LOCAL TRACT IMPLYING TERRORISM CAMPAIGN
AGAINST FRENCH TOOPS IN NDJAMENA.

1. CHADIAN PRESS ON MAY 23 CARRIED BRIEF STORY OF THE
INTERROGATION OF A FROLINAT PRISONER TAKEN AT ATI.
PROMINENTLY FEATURED WAS PRISONERS STATMENT THAT
LIBYAN TROOPS WERE PARTICIPATING DIRECTLY IN COMBAT
OPERATIOS WITH FROLINAT. SPECIAFICALLY, PRISONER
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MENTIONED SIX LIBYAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT SPECIALIST WERE
INVOLVED IN ATTACK ON ATI.

2. SAME PAPER CARRIED LENGTHY EDITORIAL SEVERELY
CRITICIZING USSR. EDITORIAL WAS CUED TO RECENT
PRAVDA ARTICLE WHICH CONDEMNED FRENCH
ERVENTION

AND WHICH LAUDED ANTI GOVERNMENT DEMOONSTRATIONS
IN THE SOUTH. SOVIET ATTACHMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF
NON INTERVENTIONAND THE SINCERITY OF ITS AIMS IN
AFIRDA WERE BOTH BROUGHT INTO QUESTION. EDITORIAL
CONCLUDED QUOTE THE HOUR HAS COME FOR CHAD TO
CHOOSE ITS TRUE FRIENDS UNQUOTE. (COMMENT: SUCH AN
EDITORIAL OBVIOUSLY BEARS THE SANCTION OF THE
SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL.)

3. THE DAY BEFORE PREVIOUS PUBLICATION, A NEW TRACT FROM FOLINAT
SYMPATHIZERS RECEIVE LIMITED HAND DISTRIBUTION IN
NDJAMENA. TRACT OPENED WITH WARNING TO ALL CHADIANS
TO STAY AWAY FROM BARS AND OTHER PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT
FREQUENTED BY FOREIGN TROOPS. IT WENT ON
WITH A STRONG BUT STANDARD DENUNCIATION OF FRENCH
INTERVENTION IN CHAD. (COMMENT: EXPATRIATE COMMUNITY
REACTION TO THIS TRACT SOMEWHAT AMBIVALENT. EARLIER
FALSE ALARMS CONTAINEDIN SUCH TRACTS HAVE INUREFN
COMMUNITY TO VERBAL THREATS WHILE, ON OTHER HAND,
COMING ON TOP OF HORROR STORIES FROM KOLWEZI, ANY
THREAT IS ATURALLY DISTURBING TO EXPATRIATES
LIVING IN AFRICA).

4. WE HAVE REITERATED WARNING TO AMERICAN
COMMUNITY TO BE EXTREMELY CIRCUMSPECT IN ITS EVENING
MOVEMENTS IN NDJAMENA. BRADFORD
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